



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2020-SCC-0152]

### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and approval; Comment Request; Third Party Servicer Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[insert the 30th day after publication of this notice]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper

functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Third Party Servicer Data Collection

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0130

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved collection

*Respondents / Affected Public:* Private Sector; Individuals and Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 107

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 56

*Abstract:* The Department of Education (the Department) is seeking an revision of the OMB approval of a Third Party Servicer Data Form. This form collects information from third party servicers. This form is used to validate the information reported to the Department by higher education institutions about the third party servicers that administer one or more aspects of the administration of the Title IV, HEA programs on an institution's behalf. This form also collects additional information required for effective oversight of these entities. There has been no change to the supporting regulatory language. We have reevaluated the usage of the form and there is a resulting decrease in the number of respondents and burden hours.

Dated: November 30, 2020.

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